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"(2) section 2733 of title 10 (popularly known as the Military Claims Act);

"(3) the Act of March 3, 1925 (46 App. U.S.C. 781-790; popularly known as the Public Vessels Act);

"(4) the Act of March 9, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 741-752; popularly known as the Suits in Admiralty Act);

"(5) the Act of June 19, 1948 (46 App. U.S.C. 740; popularly known as the Admiralty Extension Act); and

"(6) other matters related to noncontractual civil liability.

"(c) The national board of the Auxiliary, and any Auxiliary district or region, may form a corporation under State law in accordance with policies established by the Commandant."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 821, and inserting the following:

"821. Administration of the Coast Guard Auxiliary."

SEC. 802. PURPOSE OF THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 822 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§822. Purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

"The purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the Coast Guard as authorized by the Commandant, in performing any Coast Guard function, power, duty, role, mission, or operation authorized by law."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 822 and inserting the following:

"822. Purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary."

SEC. 803. MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY; STATUS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 823 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the heading by adding "**and status**" after "**enrollments**";

(2) by inserting "(a)" before "The Auxiliary"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

"(b) A member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is not a Federal employee except for the following purposes:

"(1) Chapter 26 of title 28 (popularly known as the Federal Tort Claims Act).

"(2) Section 2733 of title 10 (popularly known as the Military Claims Act).

"(3) The Act of March 3, 1925 (46 App. U.S.C. 781-790; popularly known as the Public Vessel Act).

"(4) The Act of March 9, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 741-752; popularly known as the Suits in Admiralty Act).

"(5) The Act of June 19, 1948 (46 App. U.S.C. 740; popularly known as the Admiralty Extension Act).

"(6) Other matters related to noncontractual civil liability.

"(7) Compensation for work injuries under chapter 81 of title 5.

"(8) The resolution of claims relating to damage to or loss of personal property of the member incident to service under section 3721 of title 31 (popularly known as the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964).

"(c) A member of the Auxiliary, while assigned to duty, shall be deemed to be a person acting under an officer of the United States or an agency thereof for purposes of section 1442(a)(1) of title 28."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 23 of

title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 823 and inserting the following:

"823. Eligibility, enrollments, and status."

SEC. 804. ASSIGNMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

(a) TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSE.—Section 830(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "specific".

(b) ASSIGNMENT OF GENERAL DUTIES.—Section 831 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "specific" each place it appears.

(c) BENEFITS FOR INJURY OR DEATH.—Section 832 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "specific" each place it appears.

SEC. 805. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES, STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 141 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

"§141. Cooperation with other agencies, States, territories, and political subdivisions";

(2) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by inserting after "personnel and facilities" the following: "(including members of the Auxiliary and facilities governed under chapter 23)"; and

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following new sentence: "The Commandant may prescribe conditions, including reimbursement, under which personnel and facilities may be provided under this subsection."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 7 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 141 and inserting the following:

"141. Cooperation with other agencies, States, territories, and political subdivisions."

SEC. 806. VESSEL DEEMED PUBLIC VESSEL.

Section 827 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§827. Vessel deemed public vessel

"While assigned to authorized Coast Guard duty, any motorboat or yacht shall be deemed to be a public vessel of the United States and a vessel of the Coast Guard within the meaning of sections 646 and 647 of this title and other applicable provisions of law."

SEC. 807. AIRCRAFT DEEMED PUBLIC AIRCRAFT.

Section 828 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§828. Aircraft deemed public aircraft

"While assigned to authorized Coast Guard duty, any aircraft shall be deemed to be a Coast Guard aircraft, a public vessel of the United States, and a vessel of the Coast Guard within the meaning of sections 646 and 647 of this title and other applicable provisions of law. Subject to the provisions of sections 823a and 831 of this title, while assigned to duty, qualified Auxiliary pilots shall be deemed to be Coast Guard pilots."

SEC. 808. DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN MATERIAL.

Section 641(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting after "with or without charge," the following: "to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, including any incorporated unit thereof,"; and

(2) by striking "to any incorporated unit of the Coast Guard Auxiliary,".

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995 (S. 1004, AND HOUSE AMENDMENT THERETO)

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SHUSTER, YOUNG of Alaska, COBLE, Mrs. FOWLER, and Messrs. BAKER of California, OBERSTAR, CLEMENT, and POSHARD.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 901 of the Senate bill, and section 430 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HYDE, MCCOLLUM, and CONYERS.

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 491

Mr. GEJDENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 491. It was incorrectly placed as a cosponsor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1202

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1202.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. FAZIO of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT] in order to learn more about the schedule for next week.

Mr. HASTERT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to announce that this vote marks the end of legislative business for the week.

When we return next week, the House will meet in pro forma session on Monday, March 4. Please be advised that there will be no legislative business and no votes that day.

On Tuesday, March 5, the House will meet at 9:30 a.m. for morning hour and 11 a.m. for legislative business. We plan to take up three bills under suspension of the rules: H.R. 2778, a bill to give special tax treatment to United States troops in Bosnia; H.R. 2853, a bill to extend most-favored-nation status to Bulgaria; and H.R. 497, the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission Act.

Members should be advised that we do expect recorded votes sometime around 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5.

For the remainder of the week, we expect to consider the following bills, all of which will be subject to rules: